Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure

Update #10

JUNE 2023

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Milwaukie (City), North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and American Rivers (AR) with project partners, have initiated a <u>multi-benefit</u> <u>project</u>. The project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City of Milwaukie, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature, while modernizing vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured to complete all pre-construction activities. The project is in Phase 1.

JUNE SUMMARY

Outreach –

- A site visit with the Resources Legacy Fund was held with representatives from NCWC,
 ODOT, City of Milwaukie staff and City Council.
- NCWC finalized the Confluence Environmental Center AmeriCorps position description and began recruitment of an AmeriCorps member to assist with outreach beginning fall 2023.
- Miranda Plumb joined the project's Technical Advisory Committee as the new USFWS representative.
- NCWC met with Unite Oregon staff to refine initial concepts for community engagement.
- NCWC began discussing vegetation management with some of the landowners adjacent to Kellogg Lake.

Design –

- The Leadership Team held a workshop on June 9 to select a preferred restoration alternative. Alternative 3 was preferred to maximize ecological and restoration benefits, with the understanding that design of the restoration alternative within the impoundment will continue to be refined throughout subsequent design stages in Phases 1 and 2 to reflect comprehensive project and design constraints, criteria, and permitting conditions.
- IFI began hydraulic modeling of the preferred restoration alternative (proposed conditions)
 in advancing Alternative 3 towards a draft 30% design.
- The draft Phase 1 Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan was refined with input from the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team lead. Phase 1 geotechnical and sediment sampling field work began.

Monitoring –

- NCWC's grant application to PGE's Salmon Habitat Support Fund for eDNA monitoring of freshwater mussels in the dam impoundment was not awarded. NCWC will continue to look for funding sources for this important monitoring effort.
- NCWC was awarded funding from the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (ODFW) to purchase and deploy a thermal imaging drone to identify cold water spring and inputs into the impoundment, as well as heat from stormwater runoff. Grant agreement in progress.

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JULY NEXT STEPS

- Interviews for an AmeriCorps position, through the Confluence Environmental Center, will be held. The position will assist with community engagement and outreach beginning in September.
- A Community Engagement planning meeting will be held with ODOT, City of Milwaukie, Unite Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
- Scoping of the project's Phase 2, design and permitting of all project elements, will begin.
- The final round of eDNA sampling for salmonids and Pacific lamprey will occur.